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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 1630 EDT)

1. Militant factions within Israel appear to be growing increasingly restive in the face of what they term the inaction of Israel's leaders during the present crisis. Press reports tell of mounting criticism following Eshkol's 28 May announcement that Israel would continue its diplomatic efforts to ease the current crisis. Other, perhaps more serious reports, indicate that there is a growing disillusionment in the army with the current leadership's apparent decision to delay launching an attack against Egypt. Resentment is growing against Eshkol and Eban, while Moshe Dayan, the army chief of staff in 1956, has emerged as a "national" army candidate for leadership, who some feel must be included in a war cabinet. The present leadership's tactics are likely to prevail at least temporarily, however, and even the old hawk, Ben Gurion, today came out with a statement that appears to condone Eshkol's actions.

2. Eshkol told the Israeli parliament today that the U.S., Britain, and other countries have agreed to ensure freedom of shipping in the Strait of Tiran. Press reports also credit him with saying that action to remove the blockade "is expected within a short period of time."

3. Nasir told his "parliamentary" body today that the Arabs are now confronting Israel and the west ... "which ignored us before and since 1948." Now, he continued, "we are restoring things to what they were in 1956." Concluding with a final burst of well-worn pious rhetoric he said "God will surely help and urge

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us to restore the situation to what it was in 1948."

4. Cairo has announced the arrival of a contingent of Kuwaiti troops. [REDACTED]

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